

Farmers' Co-operative Union of America.

Some time since the Farmers' Journal, at Abilene, Texas, made a canvass of the field in its county and, we believe, in some adjoining counties, and the result was that it was conclusively shown that the work of the women and children made more than half of the cotton crop in that section. The more eastern sections of the cotton belt, no doubt, would show that a larger proportion of the arduous labor of cotton raising has been done with the hands of women and children. It is all right for the women and the children to work. It is the ordinance of God that all shall labor, or else pay a heavy penalty for idleness. But there is work and work, and the work of the man and the woman is naturally different. The woman was made to be a complement to the man, and not to take his place in any manner. It is not true that the females among any animals or in any race of men under natural conditions take the place of the males. The cotton field is not a fit place for the women of the family, and any man who is worthy of the name of man, ought to have sufficient pride to want to keep his women folks out of the field labor just as much as his conditions will possibly permit. There are conditions and there are times when the best thing that can be done is for the women to take hold of the farm work and go ahead, but these conditions are the rare exceptions and not the rule. When it has come about that the women and children are doing more than half the work in the cotton crop, there is something radically wrong, and the outcry for a change is piteous. Now that the Union has brought the price of cotton up to a paying point, it is not time for the actual planter of cotton to commence figuring up so that he can allow his women folks to stay out of the cotton field the coming season? It can be done, and it ought to be done, and you could do it if you felt like you had to.

Now that the Union has done its part, as far as possible, in steadying the market so that a reasonable price could be obtained for cotton, it is a good time to get busy right now arranging some plan for the packing of cotton next year. It has been reckoned up by careful statisticians that at least 25 per cent of the mill and the larger part of this loss is from poor packing. He came all of this cotton it not lost before the farmer parts with the bale is no sign that he does not lose it, for he is the gentleman who does lose it. Due allowance is made for all the losses that may occur before the cotton is on the loom, and a sufficient amount is deducted from the price to make good all this loss. To put it plainly, it is not an insupportably important matter for the cotton planter to go to work and make about \$12.50 on every bale of American cotton sold? This vast sum of money, about \$150,000,000, is money that the South needs in her business, and she can have it if she will pack cotton as carefully as does the Orient. This sum of money is more than the actual profit on the whole United States crop. Inside of the Union is the place to get to work on the problem.

"We done got eleven cents, and will hold for twelve," is the way some of the boys from the forks of the creek are putting it, and it looks like all one has to do is to hold till some time in January.

Again let us implore you to not get rattled over any of the little ins and outs and schemes that come up from time to time in the Union. These things are to be expected, and so long as all pull together for the things that make for the good of the farmer all is well. It is impossible for all to look at everything from the same standpoint, and if this was possible it is impossible to draw the same conclusions from the same observation. The way to have the greatest peace and harmony compatible with life and action is to keep doing all you can for the betterment of the man with the hoe.

There is nothing else on earth that will pay better than tree planting, and a tree is the most accommodating thing about growing on earth. Just any old place is good enough for a tree, and it is not particular about its company, as a general thing. Plant trees in all the little out of the way places that are not big enough or good enough for anything else. Any way, plant trees.

Have you been out to see the new teacher? It is high time that you had been out to see the new teacher who is to make or ruin your boys and girls. You wouldn't begin to put your fine young colt into the hands of a man you do not know for training, yet many of you do this with your children. Most any sort of a boy or girl is worth as much as any man's colt, isn't he?

A swelled head indicates a contracted heart.

Illuminated walking sticks are among the latest applications of electricity. A small incandescent lamp is concealed in the head of the cane and the cane can be ignited by a spring.

Sixty children were entertained to tea at Huguendene, England, on the bottom of a large public pond, to commemorate the fact that it was dry for the first time for nearly a hundred years.

King George of Greece is having a new special railway carriage built for himself in France, which promises to achieve a record in elaborate decoration. It will contain a drawing room, a dining room, two bedrooms, a dressing room and a study. The decoration is to be entirely of pale-green enameled tiles. Over the walls and ceilings will run a pattern of water lilies and convolvulus, enameled on the earthenware.

An appetite for dog is an important part of an active explorer's equipment.

DUE RECOGNITION.

The outlook for the Southern cotton farmer was never brighter. His product will become greater and greater in demand. The world must have it, and twenty years from today you will see the consumption just about double what it is today.

The cotton farmers have never asked too much for their product. Notwithstanding the cry that they have formed a trust, simply because the farmers have organized a union, they are not asking more than their product is worth.

It was stated that the cotton farmers could never reach a point where they could afford to hold their cotton. It was stated that they would be forced to dispose of their bales as soon as gathered in order to get bread and meat to live upon. That was one of the great arguments put forth by the spinners and the manipulators when the farmers began organizing. The average cotton farmer, it was stated, produces about seven bales annually. He has had his mortgagee before it is produced and he must sell at once and pay up or his merchant will refuse to carry him. Even though he gets 11 cents, that means only about \$350 for his entire crop, and he always starts in planning his crop without a cent and is forced to mortgage his prospects. He never will get beyond this point. These were the arguments.

But the Southern cotton farmer has reached the point where he can hold back his crop and market as conditions warrant and insure a fair price. The Southern cotton farmer has taught himself diversification. He grows other things aside from cotton and lives upon these other things. The Southern merchant and banker have come to his rescue. With all of these forces combined the cotton grower is in a position to command a fair wage for his year's work. And now those who did not believe he could ever be a free man are beginning to raise the cry of trust. Let it be what it may, but the spinners will never again see the day when they will be able to walk wealthy at the expense of the man who grows cotton. They never again see the day when they will be able to get 6 and 6 cents.—Houston Post.

Are the women and children getting their share of the property that is coming in from the increased price of the stuff that is being sold from the farm? The women are entitled to the first consideration, and they ought to have it. Very few farm houses have things arranged so as to save the tired woman all the steps of the kitchen and look around and see what you can do to make things handier for your overworked partner. That's the co-operation that helps.

When you go out to the Union meeting, try to have something of benefit to tell those present. This is your duty, but if you have nothing new, you can at least restate an old proposition so that it will be more earnestly remembered.

A knot will not come untied if it would rather knot than not.

It is yet time to do some lessons in real co-operation. Let the next several weeks find you busy with the arranging of a co-operation throughout your farm so that you will not have one part of the place dependent upon another for support. Go carefully over all the land and make notes of the peculiarities of the different parts, remembering what can be best sown in this field and there, and where there are thin spots that need a little helping out. Oh, there are a few things that ought to be done right now.

A certain individual in West Texas bought a section of land two or three years ago at \$9 per acre. He says he can cash it now at \$20 per acre. That's a clear gain of over seven thousand dollars. He hasn't touched that land—hasn't lived on it at all. Did he "make" that seven thousand dollars? He did not. It has come to him through the pitiful scramble of the homeless for homes.—Farmers' Journal.

F. U. MAGAZINE NUGGETS.
"Life in any metropolis makes young children shudder," observes a recent writer, "but not clever. It often destroys their chance of being clever, for it hastens the development of the brain unnaturally. It makes many children superficial; alert, it is true, but not observant; excitable, but without enthusiasm."
Says Elbert Hubbard: Some people suffer from overwork; but it does not take much work to make some of us suffer.

Life is like the ocean, says the Massachusetts Herald. It drowns one man because he yields to it passively and blindly. It buoys up the other because he strikes it skillfully and with lusty strokes.

The normal weight of an elephant, when full grown, is 7,000 pounds. The smallest seen in modern times was "Lili," a Sumatran elephant, which was only a yard high, and weighed 172 pounds.

Small boys know that the best way to make them cautious in the use of their popguns and slingshots is to take away when damage is done. No spanking or diet of bread and water is so effective. Glasgow is said to be applying the same principle to the punishment of those who overstep in automobiles. Instead of locking up the driver, the police lock up the machine for 30 days.

Write in ink in dust, but kindness is marble.—From the Italian.

JESUS RISEN FROM THE DEAD

Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 16, 1906

Specialty Prepared for This Paper.

LESSON TEXT.—Matt. 28:1-10. Memory Verse.—John 14:6.

TIME.—Morning, April 8, A. D. 30.

PLACE.—The resurrection was from the tomb in a garden near Calvary. The home of the disciples during the 40 days was in Jerusalem.

PARALLEL ACCOUNTS.—Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

V. 1. "At the end of the sabbath."

Toward break of Sunday morning.

"To see the sepulchre." Not only to try to assure their grief, as mourners still are wont to do, by drawing as near as possible to the beloved form of the departed One, but also to apply to the body spices which they had prepared for its further embalming (Luke 23:56; 24:1).

V. 2. "A great earthquake." This was merely a local disturbance, and occurred before the woman reached the place. "An angel . . . rolled back the stone." This, not to let Lord out, but to let his disciples in, and show to the world an empty tomb.

V. 3. "For fear of him." Any appearance that is supernatural, or believed to be such, strikes fear to the hearts of men. "The keepers." Members of the guard set here by Jews with Pilate's permission. "Became as dead men." Swore into unconsciousness.

V. 4. "Angel answered." To calm their perplexity, he spoke these assuring words. "Fear not, ye." Those who love Jesus have nothing to fear in earth, heaven or hell. From Genesis (15:1) to Revelation (1:17) the Bible rings with "Fear not."

"I know that ye seek Jesus." Holy angels know and rejoice over those who love Jesus and are eager to tell them of his resurrection.

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V. 7. "Tell his disciples." So that their sorrow may be turned into joy. Peter was mentioned by name (Mark). "He goeth before you into Galilee." The going before is in the sense of leading. It represents the action already begun. "There shall ye see him." What we may call Jesus' official meetings with his friends all occurred in Galilee.

V. 8. "Departed quickly." They obeyed at once. "Fear not, ye." Their awe was not gone, but with it indescribable joy contended for mastery of their hearts.

V. 9. "As they went." In what he now relates Matthew summarizes all of Jesus' appearances to the women. Mark and John tell of a first meeting with Mary Magdalene.

V. 10. "Be not afraid." or "Fear not." Jesus repeats the angel's exhortation, and addresses the commission he has given. "My brethren." To this rich and holy relationship the risen Lord calls his friends.

V. 11. "While they were going." At the time when the women were on their way. "Some of the watch (guard) came to the city." Not all could leave the place at one time, and some of them returned to the city. The Council decided that unless a number of subscribers can be secured among business men, to allow the matter to rest for a while.

Representatives of commercial clubs over Oklahoma request a clause in the constitution prohibiting the piping of natural gas out of Oklahoma. J. J. Curtis is informed that the Standard Oil Company has selected a lobbyist to fight this proposition.

The Henke and Pillott cotton yards at Houston were practically destroyed by fire Friday morning. The loss is between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Cotton worth \$10,000 was destroyed, but fully insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mrs. J. J. Adams, living five miles west of Georgetown, committed suicide one morning last week by hanging herself to a limb and jumping into a ravine. She leaves a husband and three children.

Abe Attell of San Francisco, champion featherweight of the world, won a decisive battle with Jimmy Walsh of Boston, Friday night at San Francisco, knocking him out in the eighth round with a straight left to the solar plexus.

W. J. Grissett, the express messenger who was so seriously injured in the Cotton Belt train robbery near Red Water last Saturday night, is much improved, and hopes are now entertained for his ultimate recovery.

Will Ford, a Cotton Belt brakeman, had both his legs broken just below the knees Friday at Hubbard City. He was caught between the pilot of the engine and a box car in making a coupling.

President B. F. Younk is on an annual inspection tour of the Younk properties in Texas.

Julius E. Schneider, one of Dallas' oldest and most prominent business men, died at his home in that city Friday night.

Ten steamers sailed from Galveston Friday for foreign ports, carrying exports valued at six million dollars; of this there were 97,000 bales of cotton worth \$5,601,500, and the other exports were corn, wheat, etc.

Otto Beasley, aged twenty-two formerly of Mississippi, was found dead Thursday morning in the Maverick Hotel in North Fort Worth. It is supposed to be a case of suicide, as a half empty bottle of strychnine was found in the room.

The Missouri River and Gulf preliminary survey having been completed from Denison to the Blue River, instructions have been received to start the final location between the river and Denison.

After making seven surveys, it has been decided that the Stone & Webster Houston & Galveston traction interurban will parallel the G. H. & H. railroad into Galveston. Construction will begin at once and completion is guaranteed within one year.

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